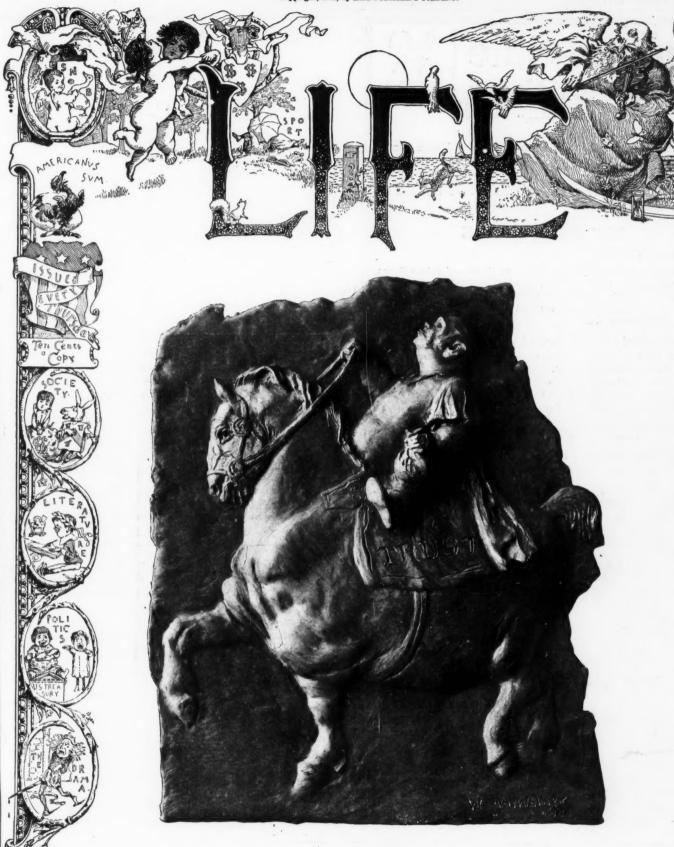
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A NENT the question of Sunday beer for New York, the Governor says that it won't do to let New York make Sunday laws to suit itself without the consent of the rest of the State. He thinks that if the question whether the saloons are to be open on Sunday is to be settled by each locality for itself, a majority of the people of must first approve of that

the State must first approve of that sort of local option. There never has been local option as to Sunday observance before, and if it is to come the Governor wants it to come with due formality. But for his part, he thinks the Raines law, properly administered by a chastened and penitent police force, will give New York as much Sunday beer as it needs, and he does not recommend new legislation to that end.

Bishop Potter says the Governor has changed his ground out of regard for the views of the country members of the Legislature. Dr. Rainsford says an election is coming, and that the interests of the city have been sacrificed once more to the interests of the State. Maybe so; and yet there is a good deal to be said for the Raines law properly administered, and it seems fairly open to doubt whether a law would be devised that would give, on the whole, any better satisfaction. Bishop Potter suggests that by closing the front doors of our saloons on Sun-

day we nurse hypocrites and open the way to continuance of police blackmail. But there isn't any special hypocrisy about going into saloons by the side door on Sunday. The reverend clergy, as a rule, get into their churches by a side door, but we don't call them sneaks. It is largely a matter of convenience. Closing the front doors of saloons on Sunday makes the streets quieter, and that, as far as it goes, is a merit. A better measure than the Raines bill for the distribution of drinks in New York on Sunday is doubtless possible, but worse measures are also possible, and no law that has been suggested since Election Day has seemed surely better than the law of Raines.



BISHOP POTTER says that Prohibition is an impudent fraud and an impudent failure, that the law is too easy on the drunkard, and the public-misled by the fallacious eloquence of the late John B. Gough-is too ready to put blame on the rumseller. That is all true, or so largely true that Mrs. Clara Hoffman, the Recording Secretary of the W. C. T. U., will seem to most persons to go to extremes in declaring that the Bishop is a lawbreaker and the equal of criminals who frequent the saloons. Dr. Rainsford seems to have been caught saying that the W. C. T. U. ladies are good women doing the Devil's work. He says that saloons are a necessity in New York, and wants the bad saloons closed and the good ones bettered. Neither Bishop Potter nor Dr. Rainsford seems likely to get the nomination for President on the W. C. T. U. ticket, but it will be some time yet before the W. C. T. U. can elect their nominee, so that doesn't matter. Former Governor Evans, of South Carolina, has views that seem to agree neither with Dr. Rainsford nor the W. C. T. U. He says the dispensary system in South Carolina is a great success. Without making drinks unduly scarce or dear, it has killed off the barroom system with excellent results to the morals and habits of the people of the State and especially of the negroes, who spend,

he says, very much less money for drink than they used to.

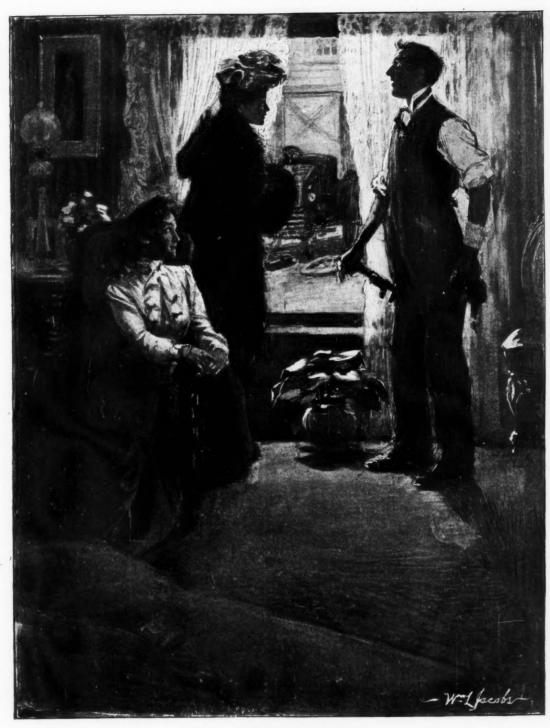


No new building in process of construction anywhere on the earth has excited so much public interest as Mrs. Gardner's second-hand Venetian palace in the Boston Back Bay Fens. Everybody who reads newspapers has read about it, and most readers have wanted to know. It seems that Mrs. Gardner and part of the palace have been incorporated as a museum for the exhibition of works of art and the instruction of the public, so that mankind is likely in due time to know what the inside of the Back Bay Mystery is like.

Mrs. Gardner is entitled to be admired, not only as a public-spirited person and a collector of enterprise and discrimination, but as a rich widow who is able to have fun. It takes a great deal of force—energy, brains and gumption—for a rich widow to have much fun. Mrs. Gardner has had lots; especially with this palace. One admires her for the fun she has had even more than for her spirited use of builders' junk.



MR. WILLIAM J. BRYAN says he likes being an editor, and proposes to own and edit the Commoner as long as he lives. It is a justifiable intention, for the paper is said to have jumped into a large circulation and to be making money in satisfactory quantities. Word comes that the editor has already built himself a barn and has a handsome and commodious dwelling well under way. There seems nothing but prosperity ahead of Mr. Bryan. His views are in request, and he has plenty of them, such as they are. A man who buncoed a great party with a cross-of-gold brick has every reason to expect to keep himself and his paper in touch for a long time with a profitable public. Mr. Bryan is great as a politician. As a patent-medicine man he would have been magnificent. He has talent, industry, assurance, health, a great voice, and a credulity that enables him to believe in his own remedies.



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"BUT I NEVER SEE YOU OUT."
"OH, I HAVEN'T GOT THAT FAR YET. I AM JUST LEAENING TO MAKE MY OWN REPAIRS."

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THE LATEST BOOKS

The Evolution of Immortality, by S. D. McConnell, although written by a disciple of the dualistic school, contains the best short statement of the position of modern monistic philosophy of which we know. The author is complete master of a style singularly lucid and direct, and while one may agree or differ with his theories, one cannot fail to understand him. (The

England under George II. is the scene of a tragic romance by H. B. Marriott Watson, called *The House Divided*. It is the usual fabric of routs, ruffles and rapiers, varied by a Kilkenny Cat denouement. (Harper and Brothers. \$1.50.)

John Denison Champlin's new work of reference,
The Young Folks' Cyclopædia of Literature and Art, will be found a good book to buy for the young folks and use yourself. It contains a great deal of handy information which, unlike the young folks,



"YOUR MONEY OR YOUR 'LIFE'!"
"TAKE THE MONEY."

most of us have had time to forget. (Henry Holt and Company.)

In The Laird's Luck and Other Fireside Tales A. T. Quiller-Couch has gathered nine stories of bygone times in various parts of the world. While some are more curious than interesting, they are all well told. (Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.50.)

Young Mrs. Teddy, by Barbara Yeghton, is a microscopic study of banalities. Outside the columns of The Ladies' Home Journal it would be hard to find a better example of literary breakfast food. (Dodd, Mead and Company. \$1.50.)

Studies of New England seacoast types seem plentiful this season. Up and Down the Sands of Gold, by Mary Devereux, a novel dealing with this subject, makes very good reading. (Little, Brown and Company, Boston.)

It has been claimed that the absence of old-fashioned Christmas stories from modern fiction argues a falling off in altruistic sensibility. That it points rather to a popular distaste for false sentiment is emphasized by reading Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, by Alice Caldwell Hegan. (The Century Company. \$1.00.)

J. B. Kerfoot.

OTHER BOOKS RECEIVED.

"The Simple Life." By Charles Wagner. Essays by the leader of the popular education movement in Paria, arguing against the striving after the useless in modern life. (McClure, Phillips and Company. \$1.25.)

"The Wildfowlers." by Charles Bradford, describes some of the methods and some of the devotees of sport on the Great South Bay, Long Island. (G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.00.)

"In the Days of Audubon." By Hezekiah Butterworth. A quasi-blography of the naturalist, written to interest children in "Audubon Societies." (D. Appleton and Company. \$1.20.) "Short Talks with Young Mothers." An

"Short Talks with Young Mothers." An exceedingly concise and practical work by Charles Gilmore Kerley, M. D. (G. P. Putnam's Sons.)

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THE ENJOYMENT OF WAGNER.

(ONE WAY.)

CENE: Dress-circle of the Cosmopolitan
Opera House. Enter Fanny and Julia,
accompanied by the rustle of silk and the
scent of violets, Herbert following meekly
in their wake.

FANNY (brisk, breathless, and smiling, pushing her way into her seat): There, you sit between us, Herbert, and then we can tell you about it as it goes along, so that you will have some idea what it is all about. Here's the book,—Julia, did you—O yes, I have it! There, you can be reading up while we're getting settled.

(Herbert reads, under difficulties, picking up the librettos and handkerchiefs which the ladies on either side drop occasionally as they struggle with veils, hatpins, wraps, etc.)

JULIA: You must hurry, because the overture will begin in a minute, and you don't want to lose a note of it. You see, it gives a sort of résumé of the whole opera,—all the principal motifs are in it, and it presents the conception symbolically.

HERBERT (skeptically): How do you know so much about it?

Fanny (triumphantly): O, we've been reading it up! Just as soon as you telephoned about the tickets we sent down to the Library, and we've studied at it all the afternoon. We just know it by heart! You see, everything depends, in Wagner, on being perfectly familiar with the opera beforehand. Julia! There's Mary Day—over there on the left—with the white feather. Don't you see? Quick, she's bowing to you! O, Herbert, I do hope you'll enjoy it! I know you don't care much for this sort of thing—Wagner, you know; but if we explain it to you—

HERBERT (diffidently): O yes; and thethe Meistersinger is rather—rather musical, isn't it?

FANNY (horrified): Musical?

HERBERT (hastily): I mean comparitively—compared with some of them, you know. I thought—

FANNY (impressively): It's exquisite! There, don't bother with that libretto any longer. It would take you years to get through with it. Here's Lavignac,—perfectly charming—and so clear; you just feel as if you knew exactly what Wagner

meant by it all when you've read that. If you had only come home earlier to-night, we could have taught you lots. But never mind; you just skip along through it,—I'll find the place—and you'll get a sort of a general idea—

JULIA (anxious'y): Fanny, hadn't we better tell him the plot? He'll enjoy it ever so much more.

FANNY: I thought he'd better get an idea of the music; it's more important. You see, Herbert,—I must explain to you about the motifs. They're little sort of—well,—tunes; and they express what is in the minds of the characters,—the sentiment—the—well, for instance, there's the Meistersinger motif——

HERBERT (floundering helplessly in the Lavignac): Hold on a minute, won't you, till I find out who the old Meistersingers were, anyway!

FANNY (pityingly): O, he doesn't know a thing about it! It's too bad! Why, the Meistersingers were a society in Germany,—it's quite historic, you know—and Hans Sachs was one of them,—Sachs, the cobbler.——

JULIA (interrupting): He's just the love-

liest character—so unselfish and devoted,—always made me think of Uncle Billy, someway; don't you think so, Fanny? It's all indicated in the music, you know. You'll see when you get to it. Fanny,——There, we can't talk any more!

(Overture begins, Both ladies settle back in their seats with sighs of rapture.)

II.

FANNY: I'll manage to tell you something once in a while, Herbert. You didn't have a chance to read much, but I guess it will come to you as you go along. Julia! (in an ecstatic whisper across Herbert) There's the "Meistersinger" motif! Hear it?

JULIA (also whispering): Yes—glorious! I knew it in a minute! And that's the "Banner."

FANNY: Yes—no—didn't the "Assembly" come first? I think that's the "Assembly."

JULIA (decidedly): No, dear, I don't think so. Dou't you remember the way those two notes—

HERBERT (growing uneasy): Say, what does it matter, anyway, whether it's the Banner or the Assembly or the—House of Representatives? I can't hear the music if you go on this way.

Julia (penitently): No, of course not! We mustn't. Fanny! "Waking Love!"

FANNY: Yes—sh! (They continue to telegraph to each other their recognition of the various themes by complacent nods and smiles. Herbert wears an expression of deep solicitude)

FANNY: Herbert, what makes you frown so?

HERBERT (pensively): Was I frowning? I didn't know it. It's the Wagner face, I suppose. I'm only waiting for It to come to me.

FANNY (suspiciously): For what to come to you?

HERBERT: I don't know. It. Something. You said it would.

Fanny (sighing): I'm afraid you're hopeless!

Herbert (humbly): I'm doing the best I can. Maybe I shall get on better when we come to the real thing. I never did care much for the --what-you-call-'em-voluntary. There, the curtain is going up now. What did I tell you? Now they're playing! That thing's got a tune to it—regular psalmtune. I say—

FANNY: Herbert, hush! I want you to listen to the orchestra. This is what I was trying to explain to you,—about the motifs. Julia! "Waking Love"!

Julia: Yes!

FANNY: Don't you see, Herbert? You can tell exactly what Sir Walter is thinking about by the music!

HERBERT: What he's thinking about? Pshaw! Anybody could tell that by the way he acts. Just look at him! He's smitten with that girl in pink in the front pew. I don't need any music to tell me that!

JULIA: But see how exquisitely the music expresses his emotions! It seems to understand them even better than he does himself!

HERBERT (with sarcasm): Hardly possible, I should think. Why doesn't he leave it all to the music, then, if it knows so much? I don't see any use in his acting at all. O (relenting), I dare say it's all right. I shall catch the idea presently. What did you say this motif was—Making Love?

FANNY: Not "Making Love," "Waking Love." But we're long past that now. This is "Love Confessed," I think; or "Impatient Ardor,"—I'm not sure which. Never mind—sh!

(Quiet reigns.)

III.

Herbert (at the Chorus of Apprentices, with animation): Say, that's pretty! What d'ye call it? Regular "rag-time"!

FANNY: Herbert! That's the "Crown."
It means the crown of flowers that was given to the apprentices when they became Mastersingers. It comes in every time they.—

JULIA: Doesn't sound a bit like Wagner, does it?

HERBERT: Not a bit. It's first-rate! Pity Wagner didn't know enough to hold on to a good thing wnen he'd got it. The tunes don't stay put long enough for a fellow to get 'em into his head.

Fanny: Sh! Julia! (reaching across Herbert, and grasping Julia's arm convulsively.)

HERBERT (sympathetically): Ouch! What is it? A pin?

FANNY: The "St. John" motif!

JULIA: Isn't it heavenly? Herbert, do listen! It comes in eight times—no, six—I never can remember those tables exactly. But you must recognize it the next time you hear it!

HERBERT (frowning deeply): I'll try. Don't talk to me!

(Quiet again. Herbert's attention gradually relaxes.)

Julia: Herbert, don't fidget so!

HERBERT: I'm not fidgeting! Say, Julia, does the music tell you what old Dodge was thinking about when he let his wife wear that curious thing on her head? Over there, see?

JULIA: Where? Oh-(frigidly) Her-

bert, you're scoffing! I won't tell you another thing!

HERBERT: Well, you said the music told you what people were thinking about—and I just wondered—— (He subsides until the end of the act.)

Fanny (as the curtain falls): Isn't it perfectly delicious? Such charm! Such an atmosphere! Don't you think so, Herbert?

Herbert (earnestly): Yes, very,—very indeed! But—speaking of atmosphere—rather warm, isn't it? If you don't mind, I'll just step out and get a breath of—

Ladies (dismayed): But we were just going to tell you some more—

HERBERT (hastily): Yes, of course; I want you to. When I come back, you know. (Exit Herbert. He comes back just as the curtain rises.)

IV.

Herbert (taking his seat and whispering cheerfully): Well, girls, what motif is on now? Anything I ought to know?

JULIA (coldly): You ought to know several things, but you don't. I'm just going to let you alone, and let you enjoy it your own way for a while. I'm not going to tell you a single thing. That's Magdalena,—the servant, you know; it's so funny afterward when—

FANNY: Sh!

(Herbert, left to enjoy it in his own way, proceeds to do so. An expression of deep peace takes the place of the "Wagner face." His breathing becomes suspicious.)

FANNY (suddenly): Herbert!

HERBERT (loudly): What? (whispering again) Well, you seared me. What is it? FANNY: You were asleep!

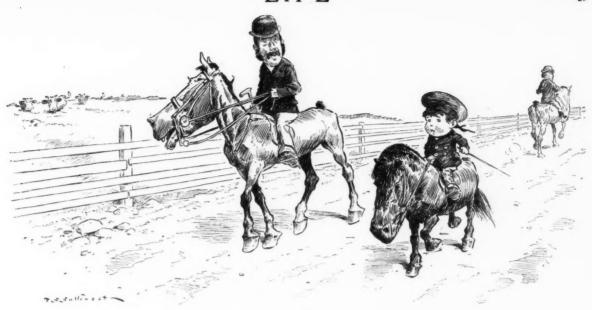
HERBERT: No, I wasn't! At least, if I was, I haven't missed anything. Old Sachs was sitting there talking to himself just like that when I last saw him, and he hasn't got through yet. Bet you he's been asleep too!

JULIA: He's been singing the most delightful monologue,—full of "Impatient Ardor"—

HERBERT (recklessly): Talking in his sleep! Full of—what, did you say? I could make up a good motif for that myself!

JULIA: You're just making fun of everything! I don't believe you appreciate it one bit!

HERBERT (earn-selly): Yes, I do; the trouble is, I appreciate it so much I can't enjoy it. Really, girls (viith pathos), you must make allowances for a tired man of business! You don't know how worn out a fellow is when he gets home from a hard day's work. And you ought to be fresh



"PAPA, WHEN YOU WERE A BOY, DID YOU EVER TELL A LIE?"

"I AM AFRAID I DID, MY BOY. WHY?"

"NOTHING, ONLY I WAS AFRAID YOU DIDN'T."

when you come to a thing like this. A roof-garden, now-

JULIA (with horror): Herbert! But of course, I suppose you are tired! Maybe we oughtn't to have brought you. But I'm sure if you'd studied it—

FANNY: Sh!

(Both ladies become absorbed in an endeavor to follow the ensuing motif, and Herbert continues to enjoy it in his own way until the end of the opera, taking another breath of fresh air between Acts II and III.)

JULIA (as the curtain falls): Well, I never enjoyed anything so much in all my life! Wasn't it perfectly beautiful, Fanny? Herbert, now wasn't it, after all?

Herbert (intensely): Sublime—positively sublime! After you'd explained it to me, you know. That last act was simply perfect!

FANNY (in Julia's ear): I think he was asleep most of the time, dear!

JULIA: Well, we tried, anyway! Next time we'll take him in hand the day before. How those themes do haunt one! The way they worked up to the climax—!

HERBERT (chiming in): Just walked all over each other at the end, didn't they? I could appreciate that myself!

FANNY: I don't see how people can say they don't like Wagner,—that is, if they've studied. Herbert, have you the opera-glasses?—and the Lavignac? It all depends on being perfectly familiar with—

(Exeunt, still talking.)

Margaret Johnson.

As to Football.

THE newspapers tell us more and more each year of students betting on football games. At a notable game out West, last fall, when the talent, so to speak, was dumped, and the favorites lost, a large number of college boys went broke like a lot of touts at a horse race.

One need not be a Puritan in order to believe that betting is bad for boys. It is a species of gambling, and gambling is a ruinous vice. Happily, betting is a thing which well-brought-up boys come little in contact with. Clean boys are not attracted to noisome pool-rooms.

But what if colleges, where boys are collecting in increasing numbers, shall afford the occa-

sion for betting and the encouragement to bet? Seriously, can a college afford to stand for football, if football is to come to such uses?

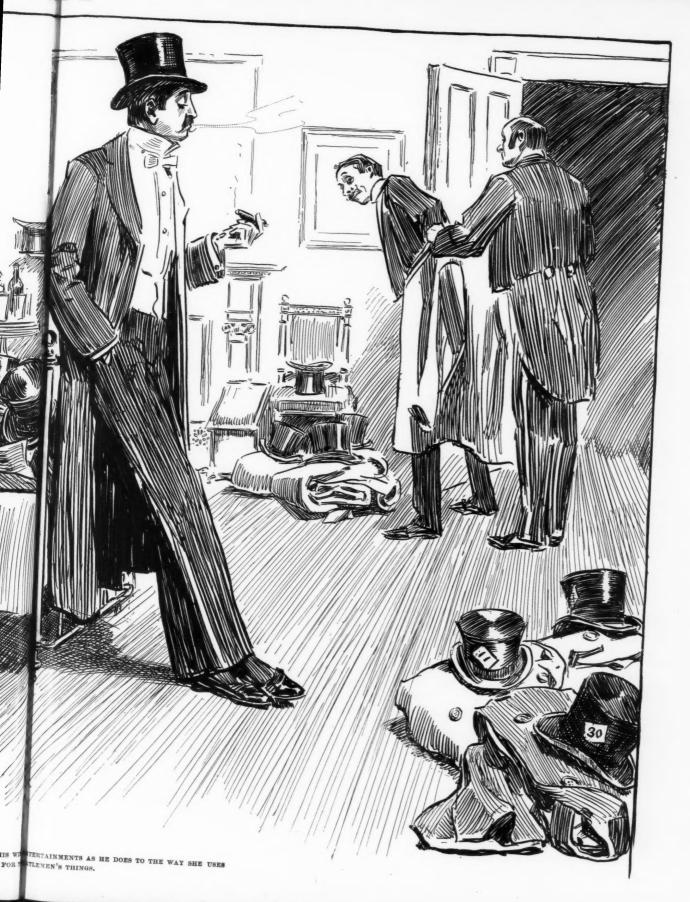
Life, the joyous and ever welcome, is one of the comparatively few things in our distinctively American products for which one can be devoutly and persistently thankful. With the magic wand of its innocuous wit it touches many a sham, for it is the sworn enemy of snobs and hypocrites. May Life live a thousand years and keep its youth as unimpaired as it is with number 999!—Boston Beacon.

A THEOLOGY is deemed broad in proportion as it attributes width to the needle's eye.



" HIS LONG SUIT."







Two Stars That Are Stars.

LD as it is, the situation where the hero finds himself with sword in hand, his back to a wall and a congregation of armed enemies in front of him, seems still able to stir the reader of novels and the spectator of plays. Certainly this is the redeeming feature of "A Gentleman of France," in which Mr. Kyrle Bellew has chosen to make his reappearance before the American public. The scene in question has some novel features, for instance, the acrobatic way in which the victims of Mr. Bellew's sword roll down steps and over balustrades, but even so it seems hardly sufficient to redeem a piece which in other respects resembles closely the many sword-play versions of heroic. novels with which the public has of late been surfeited.

Mr. Bellew himself is an actor of much finish and of even merit, but to-day he seems to lack the fire and vigor to be expected in the extremely Rooseveltian part of Gaston de Mersac. His reading of the lines is intelligent to the highest degree and his delivery most agreeable, although kept within narrow limits. In person Mr. Bellew is attractive, the consciousness of which fact inclines him to too much posing. Compared with some of the machine-made stars who have lately held a large place in the public eye, Mr. Bellew gives the spectator a sense of artistic completeness and finish. The part of Mlle. de la Vire assigned to Eleanor Robson gives that capable and charming young actress little to do, but she makes the heroine fit nicely into the picture and gains the approval of her audiences. The cast throughout is a competent one and the mounting quite sufficient.

"A Gentleman of France" is a lusty play adapted to the taste of those who like hearty provision for their dramatic appetites.

TO compare Mr. Otis Skinner's performance of Lanciotto with that of the late Lawrence Barrett in the same version of "Francesca da Rimini" would certainly not result disadvantageously to Mr. Skinner. Graceful, sincere, magnetic, evidently a student, and with a voice strong, well-modulated and musical, it would seem that even with his deformity this Lanciotto was better calculated to win the love

of the frail Francesca than his betterdowered but less manly brother Paolo as played by Mr. Aubrey Boucicault. To see such an actor and such acting as that of Mr. Skinner's makes one wonder why the combination is so rarely seen on the American stage, and especially in New York. The reason is not far to seek by those who know the standards of the men in control of the theatre in this country. It is so much cheaper to manufacture a counterfeit star than to give his fair reward to a genuine one that the public is given no choice.

The story of "Francesca" is in the minor key but its sombreness is alleviated by the brilliant and picturesque setting given to it by Mr. Skinner at the Victoria. The metrical form adds to its stateliness, and its lines have a literary value unusual to-day. The company is intelligently rehearsed, and in its entirety the performance attains a high degree of merit. Marcia Van Dresser, whose temperament is not artistic, and whose voice and delivery set one's teeth on edge, atones somewhat for these defects by her personal beauty. Mr. Norris's rendering of Pepe,



HANK GOD!" is the last line of "Sweet and Twenty" at the Madison Square Theatre. The sentiment finds a distinct echo in the hearts of the au-

dience as the curtain goes down - not because the play is in itself a bad one, but because in the process of making the public give up two dollars-more often two dollars and a half each-for seats at a play which should take half an evening in performance, everything is strung out to the point of tiresomeness. Robbed and tired, the unfortunates who have been lured into sitting through this attenuated show naturally ioin the actor in his expression of gratitude at its end. Better cast and with the naturally slow action of the piece not exaggerated to consume time, "Sweet and Twenty" would make a pleasant first or second half of an evening's entertainment. As it is, the manager who " presents" it might be suspected of getting the public's money under false pretences. Metcalfe.

LIFE'S CONFIDENTIAL GUIDE TO THE THEATRES.

Academy of Music. — "The Christian" in spectacular guise, with Elsie Leslie and Mr. E. J. Morgan in the leading parts. Religious—or sacrilegious-melodrama

Broadway.—"The Sleeping Beauty and the Beast." Fairy spectacle, enlivened by songs, comedians and ballet. Worth seeing.

Bijou.—"The Widow Jones," with May Irwin in the title part. Funny.

Criterion.—"Du Barry." Remarkable production and remarkable performance by Mrs. Leslie

Carter as Du Barry.

Daly's .- "Frocks and Frills." Notice later.

Empire.—Stock company in "The Wilderness."
A clever little play well acted.

Garrick.—Charles Hawtrey and English com-uny in "A Message from Mars." Unique and pany in "A interesting.

Herald Square. — Dramatic version of "Monsieur Beaucaire," with Richard Mans-field as the hero. Neither remarkable nor especially interesting.

Knickerbocker.-"The Toreador." Notice later.

Lyceum.—Annie Russell in "The Giri and the Judge." Clever comedy well staged and acted.

Manhattan.—"The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch," with Mrs. Fiske as the heroine. An artistic and interesting performance.

Madison Square.—" Sweet and Twenty." See above.

Republic.-Mrs. Patrick Campbell in repertoire.

Savoy.—Mr. Henry Miller as the hero in "D'Arcy of the Guards." Pleasant play of Revolutionary

Victoria.—Otts Skinner and company in "Francesca da Rimini." See above.
Wallack's.—Kyrle Bellew and company in "A Gentleman of France." See above.

Weber and Fields's Music Hall.—"The Girl and the Judge" in buriesque form, preceded by vaudeville on the stage and clever looting of the public by ticket-speculators.



ELEANOR ROBSON AS "MLLE. DE LA VIRE."

the malicious jester, is repulsive to the highest degree, and might in this particular be modified without making the author's meaning less clear.

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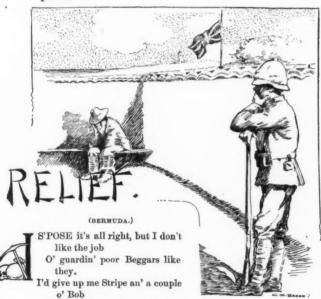
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I OUGHT to be thinkin' o' 'Ome an' Friends,
(W'y don't 'e walk about?)

For it's Christmas in England, an' I intends—

('E's let 'is pipe go out!)

Yes, I ought to be thinkin' o' Tiffin an' Grog—
(Now, 'as 'E got a fam'ly? Per'aps.)

Wake up! Oom Dutchey; don't sit like a log!

It's CHRISTMAS! There'll maybe be Schnapps!







The Farmer: You may remember that You frightened my team last week, and smashed me up, and so I thought I'd rig a little surprise fer ye.

They're blowin' the bugle, thank Gawd! in the Yard—(Shall I tip 'im "returns o' the day"?)

I 'ope they'll be quick in relievin' the guard; This company AIN'T very gay!

Well; 'ere comes Relief. 'Ow that Corporal stamps! (Eh, Sargent! I didn't choke!) (Is there DUFF in them Concentration Camps?)

Guard's relieved!—Merry Christmas, old Bloke!

C. R. Bacon.

Life's Anecdote Contest.

Many contributions to this contest have been rejected, because they did not comply with the conditions, which will be found in our advertising pages.

It should be borne in mind by contestants that anecdotes already familiar to the reading public are not desirable.

The more humor there is in each anecdote the more likely it will be to have a place in this department.

NUMBER 12.

A LTHOUGH Napoleon sometimes teased his second wife (Marie-Louise of Austria), he was very careful not to hurt her feelings by speaking ill of her father. In a moment of irritation, however, he happened one fine day to say that the Emperor of Austria was nothing but a "ganache" (slang for "chump," "idiot.") Marie-Louise not understanding the significance of the expression, which she heard then for the first time, demanded immediately what it meant; to avoid giving her pain, some one replied that it signified "a person altogether agreeable."

But a short time afterwards, one of the ladies of the



SOCIETY NOTE A SMALL AND EARLY.

court almost fainted on hearing the Empress say to a diplomat in the sweetest of tones, "Monsieur, vous êtes une vraie ganache. ("You are a veritable idiot.")

"Marie-Louise et Le Duc de Reichstadt."

Par H. A. Guerber.

D. C. Heath & Co., 1901.

NUMBER 13.

The author of the famous tract, "Come to Jesus," at one time engaged in a theological dispute, at last sat down and wrote, to some publication of his opponent, an answer bristling with sarcasm and invective, sharp and cutting as a razor.

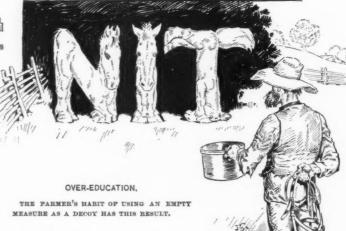
Reading it to a friend, he asked:

"What do you think of it?"

"It is a masterpiece of invective," was the reply. "You fairly flay him alive. What have you decided

"I have not thought of a title. Can you suggest one?"

"Well," came the response, "how would it do



NUMBER 15.

to call it 'Go to the Devil,' by the author of 'Come to Jesus'?'

From "Seed Thoughts for Public Speakers." Funk & Wagnalls Co., 1900.

NUMBER 14.

The late Father O'Leary, who was well known as a wit, had once a polemical contest with a Protestant Bishop of Cloyne. The prelate, in a pamphlet, inveighed with great acrimony against the superstitions of Popery, and particularly against the doctrine of Purgatory. Father O'Leary, in his reply, slyly observed, "that much as the Bishop disliked Purgatory, he might go farther and fare worse.

"Irish Wit and Humor." Edited by W. H. Howe. Published by George W. Jacobs, Philadelphia (no date).

"Everyone about the boy was laboring and sacrificing for him from the beginning, and this was not without its effect upon his character. A little anecdote, which was current in Boston many years ago, condenses the whole situation. The story may be true or false-it is probably unfounded - but it contains an essential truth and illustrates the character of the boy and the atmosphere in which he grew up. Ezekiel, the oldest son, and Daniel were allowed on one occasion to go to a fair in a neighboring town, and each was furnished with a little money from the slender store at home. When they returned in the evening, Daniel was radiant with enjoyment; Ezekiel, rather silent. Their mother inquired as to their adventures, and finally asked Daniel what he did with his money. 'Spent it,' was the



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reply. 'And what did you do with yours, Ezekiel?' 'Lent it to Daniel.' That answer sums up the story of Webster's home life in childhood."

An Anecdote of Webster's Boyhood. "Daniel Webster."

Houghton, Mifflin and Company, 1891.



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of twenty hundred weeks. Many happy returns!



HAVING A DUCK FIT.



ONE of the charms of life in the country is its moderation and freedom from hurry and excitement. It is possible, however, to have too much of a good thing, as an incident which happened recently in a New England farming district indicates.

Farmer Allen had gone up into his attic to get a spinningwheel for the tableaux which the summer boarders were to produce in the town hall. Like most country attics, it was packed with relics of several generations, but the thing which at once attracted the attention of the city girl who accompanied the farmer was a gravestone, tucked away under the eaves.

"Why, there's a gravestone !" she said.

"Yes."

The farmer dragged it out and turned its face to the light. The inscription on it read:

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1850

Died 1856.

"Yes; that's Henry's stone - he was my youngest boy."

"But why-" began the young woman.

"Why ain't I ever set it up?"

There was a slight pause. Farmer Allen was returning the stone to its place under the eaves.

"Well, I've always meant to," he continued, mildly, "but I ain't never got round to it."- Youth's Companion.

MANY amusing stories have been told of the inquisitiveness of Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister at Washington. His running fire of interrogation, though at times exceedingly embarrassing, has been known to result happily for the victim, as the following story indicates:

"Mr. Wu was a guest at a large gathering, and in the course of the evening was introduced to one of the débutantes of the season, a modest and charming little maiden of nineteen. The diplomat immediately took an interest in her past, present, and future, and, after inquiring as to her age, asked:

" 'And you're not yet married? Why aren't you? Wouldn't you like to be?

"The girl blushingly replied that she had no objection to wedded life, but that nobody had yet offered himself as a life partner. She thought that satisfied Mr. Wu, who hurried away, but not so. A little while later the popular Minister reappeared, accompanied by a young naval officer, lately out of the Academy, whom he introduced something after this fashion:

"' Miss Washington, let me present Mr. Turret. He's not married either, and he wants to be, for he has just told me so. You'd make a fine young couple, just suited to each other. I hope you'll be happy,' and with that the representative of the Celestial Empire withdrew, leaving an embryo admiral and possibly a future society leader blushing crimson and speechless with embarrassment.

"The best part of the story is that within half a year Wu's matchmaking bore fruit, and the young people were married." -New York Tribune.

THE revivalist, "Sam" Jones, was once taking women to task for spending more time in prinking than in praying.

"If there's a woman here," he screamed, finally, "who prays more than she prinks, let her stand up."

One poor, old, faded specimen of femininity, in the sorriest, shabblest of clothes, arose,

"You spend more time praying than prinking?" asked the preacher, taking her all in.

The poor old creature said she did-prayed all the time prinked not at all.

"You go straight home," admonished Jones, "and puts little time on your prinking."-Argonaut.

Two young men sat through the first act at a local theatre then adjourned to a neighboring tavern for refreshment. The acting was bad, and would have excused the use of stimu lants by any but the players. When about to re-enter the building, only one could produce his return check.

"It's all right," said he of the check, airily. "You re member him; he's with me."

"Yes," answered the gatekeeper, more doubtful than polite, "but he may have given his check to some other person."

"But he didn't," was the convincing reply. "He's a stranger here and hasn't an enemy in the city,'

The gate opened wide. - Boston Record.

WHEN Bishop Potter was asked, the other day, what he thought of woman suffrage, he made the diplomatic reply:

"My dear madam, I have gotten away beyond that; am trying to make the best terms with the sex that I ca obtain."

This brings to mind the mot of William M. Evarts who asked by a lady if he did not think that woman was the bes judge of woman. He replied:

"Not only the best judge, madam, but the best exe cutioner."-Argonaut.

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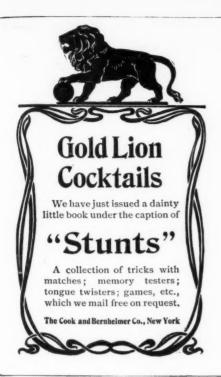
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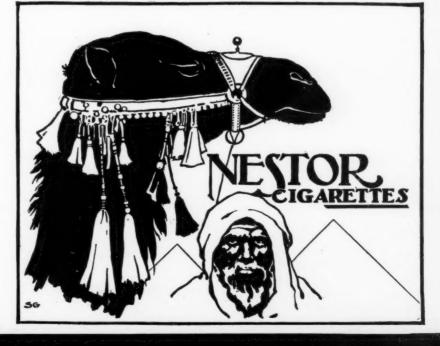
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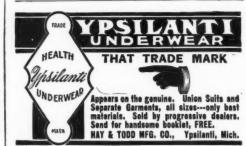
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—Moonshii

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 There is no limit to the number of anecdotes that can be sent in by any one person. But no single contributor shall be entitled to more than one prize.

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